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George Runner, Member

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Senator George Runner Sworn in as Second District Board of Equalization Member

Senator George Runner was sworn in Monday as a Member of the Board of Equalization. Runner now represents California's 2nd Equalization District.

The oath of office was administered by State Controller John Chiang. Former lawmaker and Board Member Dean Andal emceed the ceremony.

"My commitment is to taxpayers," said Runner. "I need to know that taxpayers are honestly and effectively being represented."

He noted that tax policies have consequences, pointing out that more people are now leaving California for other states than are coming to California from those states.

"To me the challenge before us is getting people back to work," said Runner. "A vibrant economy is vital to solving California's long-term fiscal problems."

Runner will represent more than 8 million California residents living in thirty-four counties stretching from the Oregon border to San Bernardino.

Along with his wife, former Assemblywoman Sharon Runner, he authored California's Jessica's Law – creating some of the toughest and most comprehensive sex offender management and control laws in the nation.

He also authored the well-known California Amber Alert, which has resulted in more than 200 successful reunions of children with their parents; as well as California's Blue Alert, which uses Amber Alert technology when a peace officer has been killed, seriously wounded or assaulted with a deadly weapon and the suspect has fled the scene.

As a constitutional officer, along with current Board Member Michelle Steel, Runner now serves as the highest-ranking Republican elected official in California.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

For more information about Board of Equalization Member George Runner, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Runner.

Editor's Note: See photo below



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